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Community, Culture, & Wellbeing: The Heart of the Matter
keynote speaker Dr. Emily Mendenhall (Georgetown University)

Abstracts due by March 14, 2022 | swaa-anthro.org
SWAA President’s Message

Greetings from SWAA!

As you all know, we had to cancel the 2020 SWAA Annual Conference, and in lieu of our normal framework, for 2021, we held a webinar event with three great Keynote Speakers. This year, we are excited to announce that the SWAA Annual Conference will be held in-person at the Hotel Albuquerque in Albuquerque in April, 2022! We are planning for appropriate COVID-19 safety measures and all attendees at the SWAA conference will be required to show a vaccination card indicating a booster in order to attend any conference function.

The 2022 conference will revisit the theme of “Community, Culture, and Wellbeing” because we were so excited about this theme and had to miss out when the event was cancelled—but also because the theme could not be more apropos in the current context. We are also honored that Emily Mendenhall from Georgetown University has agreed (again—hopefully no more cancellations!) to give the keynote address!

The portal is now open for you to submit your abstracts for presentations, panels, salons, posters, and films—and we will hold our usual poster competition and student paper competition! The Hotel Albuquerque is located in Old Town and offers a fantastic venue both for the conference, but also for getting to know Albuquerque. New Mexico is a fantastic place to visit! We hope that all of you will join us!


Call for Papers

We invite papers [individual papers or organized sessions], posters, and films representing cultural, biological, linguistic, or applied anthropology and archaeology.

♦ Abstracts may be submitted for consideration through March 14, 2022
♦ SWAA Banquet Speaker: Dr. Emily Mendenhall, Georgetown University
♦ For more information please visit the SWAA website: https://swaa-anthro.org/

This year’s theme is unquestionably relevant to our collective experiences through the last several years. The pandemic has not only affected our health but also the ways we interact, work, recreate, shop, teach, and socialize. Our societies and our planet continue to change as well, in many ways—some predictable and others more unexpected.

We encourage conference papers and/or organized sessions that use the ideas of community, culture and well-being as a context for anthropological work in any of the various subfields. For example, papers may address archaeological questions about the past; cultural anthropology work on culture change, norms and values, racism and inequality, religion and belief systems, health and medicine, language and social media; applied anthropological work on sustainability, climate change, environment, politics and economics and global health; biological anthropology work on evolution, adaptation, genetics, habitat change, and more. These are just a sampling of how anthropologists can engage the conference theme.

We also welcome papers, posters and films that are not explicitly tied to the theme, and we encourage SWAA members to present their ongoing work.
Conference Registration:
Full registration for the conference includes one year membership in SWAA, the SWAA quarterly Newsletters, Conference tote bag and pen, and access to the Friday evening Reception.

- Regular conference registration: $100 ($25 membership + $75 conference)
- Emeritus conference registration: $80 ($25 membership + $55 conference)
- Graduate student conference registration: $60 ($25 membership + $35 conference)
- Undergraduate student conference registration: $60 ($25 membership + $35 conference)

The deadline for online ADVANCE registration is midnight on Friday, April 15, 2022. [Conference attendees who do not register in advance may also register on-site.]

Register HERE for the conference

Accommodations for Special Needs:
Please let us know if you will need special accommodations. Please contact SWAA president Janet Page-Reeves at JPage-Reeves@salud.unm.edu as soon as possible.

Hotel Reservations
Reserve rooms at the SWAA promotional rate, king or double, for $129 + tax. Includes free parking and wifi in the rooms

Book Hotel Albuquerque HERE, for SWAA promotional rate

Saturday Evening Banquet, April 23rd:
Banquet tickets are $50, which includes tax and service. Tickets may be purchased at the same time that you register for the conference. The deadline for purchasing banquet tickets is also midnight on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

If you have already registered and need to purchase banquet tickets separately, use this link.

Distinguished Speaker Dr. Emily Mendenhall
[See next page for more information about Dr. Mendenhall]

Student Paper Competition
Students: If you would like to put your paper in the student paper competition, please send a full copy of your paper to Michael Eissinger by April 6, 2022. meissinger@csufresno.edu. Students must register for the conference and submit an abstract to be eligible.

See this link for more information.
We are excited to welcome Dr. Emily Mendenhall as our distinguished speaker for the SWAA 2020 Conference.

From the Georgetown University faculty webpage:

Professor Emily Mendenhall is a medical anthropologist who writes about how social trauma, poverty, and social exclusion become embodied in chronic mental and physical illness. She is an Associate Professor of Global Health in the Science, Technology, and International Affairs (STIA) Program in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Dr. Mendenhall received her PhD from the Department of Anthropology at Northwestern University and MPH from the Hubert Department of Global Health in the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. In 2017, she was awarded the George Foster Award for Practicing Medical Anthropology by the Society for Medical Anthropology.

Dr. Mendenhall's most recent project is a book forthcoming with Cornell University Press (2019), *Rethinking Diabetes: Entanglements of Poverty, Trauma, and HIV*. *Rethinking Diabetes* considers how "global" and "local" factors transform how diabetes is perceived, experienced, and embodied from place to place. Drawing from a decade of research and hundreds of interviews among low-income people living with Type 2 Diabetes in Chicago, Delhi, Johannesburg, and Nairobi, this book investigates how deeply embedded social, economic, psychological, and physiological pathways of stress are to their sense of self, illness, and suffering. The four case studies investigate how social, cultural, and epidemiological factors shape people's experiences and why we need to take these differences seriously when thinking about what drives diabetes and how it affects the lives of the poor. Professor Mendenhall also is the author of *Syndemic Suffering: Social Distress, Depression, and Diabetes among Mexican Immigrant Women* (Routledge, 2012). This book dives deep into 121 life history narratives of women in Chicago who face considerable social distress and duress associated with immigration, poverty, interpersonal violence, social exclusion and longing for companionship, family stress, and financial insecurity. Together these social factors become entangled in their psychological suffering (examined through depression) and physical distress (examined through Type 2 diabetes). Mendenhall argues that these social and health problems travel together and become syndemic, or inseparable in cultivating poor health.

In 2017, Professor Mendenhall led a Series of articles on Syndemics in *The Lancet*. The Series explores how we think about disease pathologies affects how we design policies and deliver care to those most affected by social and economic inequities. Conventional frameworks in medicine and public health, such as comorbidity and multimorbidity, often overlook the effects of social, political, and ecological factors. The papers in the Series show that the theory of syndemics improves on conventional frameworks in both theoretical and practical terms by illuminating how macro-level social factors promote disease clustering at the population level and impact disease pathologies at the individual level.

For several years Prof Mendenhall has been engaged with the movement for global mental health. She co-edited a book with Dr. Brandon Kohrt entitled, *Global Mental Health: Anthropological Perspectives* (Routledge, 2015), along with a companion article published in *Lancet Psychiatry* (2016). Drawing on the experience of many well-known experts in this area, these projects illustrate that mental illnesses are not only problems experienced by individuals but must also be understood and treated at the social and cultural levels. In 2016, Prof Mendenhall co-organized an international conference on "Global Mental Health: Transdisciplinary Perspectives" at Georgetown University. She also collaborated with and contributed to small projects associated with PRIME and with the Africa Mental Health Foundation.

Prof Mendenhall hold an Honorary Appointment in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of the Witwatersrand where she mentors PhD Students and has conducted multiple research projects. This work is primarily in the Developmental Pathways for Health Research Unit located at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital. Her work has been supported by the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health Fogarty International Center, South African Medical Research Council, and her academic homes, including Northwestern and Georgetown Universities. Most recently Prof Mendenhall has benefited from many small grants from Georgetown University from the SFS Dean's Office, Provost Office, Global Futures Initiative, Global Environmental Initiative, and the Global Health Initiative.

For more than a decade she has also developed global health curriculum for youth. More information is available at www.GHN4C.org.
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We welcome your submissions!

Submissions should be sent to: beerickson@fullerton.edu or to Barbra Erickson at CSU Fullerton, 800 N. State College Blvd.
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